

Athletic Field Lights FAQs



Light Request Procedure

A requestor may **only** submit a Field or Light request via Recreation & Parks website. Requests will not be considered if received verbally or written. **A minimum of 2 business days is required between time of request and first date requested.** Adding, changing, and rescheduling will not be considered with less than 2 days' notice unless the action is a result of a weather-related cancellation.

1. Applicants visit <https://www.stmarysmd.com/recreate/Parks/FieldUsePermit/> to submit their request.
2. After the request is submitted, the requestor receives a copy of their request & R&P staff receives the application.
3. Lights will come on 15 minutes prior to sunset. To find out approximately when the lights will come on, please refer to the Lights and Darkness Schedule below.

Date Range	Dusk
January 1 – January 15, 2023	5:00 PM
January 16 – January 31, 2023	5:15 PM
February 1 – February 15, 2023	5:30 PM
February 16 – February 28, 2023	5:45 PM
March 1 – March 9, 2023	6:00 PM
March 10 – March 31, 2023	7:15 PM
April 1 – April 15, 2023	7:30 PM
April 16 – April 30, 2023	7:45 PM
May 1 – May 15, 2023	8:00 PM
May 16 – May 31, 2023	8:15 PM
June 1 – June 30, 2023	8:30 PM
July 1 – July 31, 2023	8:30 PM
August 1 – August 15, 2023	8:15 PM
August 16- August 31, 2023	8:00 PM
September 1 – September 15	7:30 PM
September 16 – September 30, 2022	7:00 PM
October 1 – October 15, 2022	6:30 PM
October 16 – November 5, 2022	6:00 PM
November 6- November 15, 2022	5:00 PM
November 16- November 30, 2022	4:45 PM
December 1- December 15, 2022	4:45 PM
December 16-December 31, 2022	4:45 PM

*** If an organization does not wish to utilize lights, they must conclude their activity by time timeline listed above.**

When will the lights be turned on?

The field lights are programmed based on permitted use, so they will NOT come on if your group is using the field without a reservation. To find out which fields have lights, please refer to the [Park Maps](#)

What if the lights don't come on?

If your group has the field reserved and lights scheduled, it is sunset, and the lights aren't on, please call and leave a message at 240-526-0438

What time will lights turn off?

Lights will turn off in accordance to the end time of the field permit. All permitted activities must be completed no later than 10:00 pm.

What if the field is rained out per the Field Closure Line?

If the field is unplayable per the Field Closure Line, the light programming should be cancelled automatically.

How much will we be charged for lights?

The light fee for field use is \$25/hour. Lights are billed for a minimum of one hour per use and then in 30-minute increments. This fee is subject to change annually.